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CHINA AND GERMANY.

WHAT ABOUT THE CITY ELECTION?

Do the voters want the present board of supervisors, or a majority of the board, reelected?

If so, there is a fair chance for four or five out of the seven, since new aspirants for the office are distinguished chiefly by their absence.

If the voters want new blood on the board, other men, other methods, other ideas, the time to begin getting results is now. It is time to begin getting good candidates out for office.

Honolulu will get just as good government as the majority of the voters permit it to have—and no better. If the majority of the voters are satisfied with the present administration, they can easily keep it in power for two years longer. Most of the supervisors intend to run for reelection. Mayor Lane will be a candidate to succeed himself, so will City Clerk Kalanokalani, Auditor Bicknell, City Attorney Brown, Sheriff Rose and Treasurer Conkling.

The present administration, particularly the supervisors, went into office pledged to certain definite things. Those who listened to the stump speeches of the municipal campaign two years ago last November remember the promises of good roads, application of the frontage-tax, efficient administration of city departments. The time has now come when the majority of city officials will ask for reelection and this time they must ask it not on the basis of promises for the future but on the basis of what they have done to make good their pledges.

If the majority of voters are satisfied the pledges have been kept, with due regard to the circumstances, there will be little difficulty in insuring the reelection of the administration, since the city is normally Republican and this is a Republican administration, except in the sheriff's office.

But if a change is desired, it is quite time now that other candidates be suggested.

The Star-Bulletin would like to hear from citizens on this subject. What do you think of the city government? Has it made good? If not, why not? Can you suggest worthwhile candidates for supervisor, in case you ask a change?

Not mere criticism, not senseless "knocking" is wanted, but constructive suggestions and definite facts in case there is condemnation of any supervisor or city department. Write the Star-Bulletin a letter and let us have your opinion.

THE BORE.

I know a man whom I respect as a good citizen, and would bet on his honesty; but he has a number of disagreeable ways which he never tries to get rid of, and I avoid him, because I know he will soon become disagreeable in a petty way.

I really know dozens of such men, and so do you. Few men realize the importance of the little amenities of life. It is not enough to be fairly honest, efficient and temperate; a man who hopes to get along a little better than the average must attend to another thing: he must avoid being a bore.—E. W. Howe.

The Advertiser suggests this morning that Judge Hatch would have a harder time getting elected for another term than any other supervisor. The Star-Bulletin does not believe this to be the case. We believe he would poll a surprisingly large vote. That he has been independent in his convictions and his vote on the board is in his favor. The Star-Bulletin and Judge Hatch have differed on a few matters of city government and probably would occasionally differ if he were in office another term, but we recognize the quality of his service, the intelligence he applies to city problems, the sympathy with which he approaches difficulties inseparable from local politics, and finally, his willingness to stand by his guns. We believe he has made comparatively few opponents and very many staunch supporters among the voters of the city.

We were under the impression that Uncle Sam had severed relations with Mexico, but Carranza evidently has not been informed, as he has just named a new ambassador for Washington.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CAPT. GEORGE CLARK, Pearl Harbor: There is little excitement out here. After most of the smoke of excitement has cleared away we have gotten right down to business.

—CURTIS P. LAUKEA: There is no use getting excited about the confirmation of my nomination as secretary of the territory. Of course, I will be glad to hear of it when it comes.

—BRIG. ROBERT DUBBIN, Salvation Army: Honolulu is a mighty generous community, but I will have to ask for a little more money to furnish the downtown headquarters building on Beretania street.

—J. H. FISHER: I believe the suggestion made by that visitor to the Capitol the other day, namely that some description of the building ought to be printed and placed, where it could be read by strangers, is a good one.

—GEORGE COLLINS, county engineer: Some people are never happy unless they are finding fault with the government. Now that it is impossible to kick about Kalaheima ave-

nue they have taken up Tantalus road.

—SENATOR CHARLES F. CHIL-
INGWORTH: I am certainly in favor of bringing the congressional party to Hawaii. They will have a good time and so will we and Hawaii won't lose anything.

—C. MING, representing Mun Lun school: On behalf of the school I wish to express our appreciation of the services of the 25th Infantry and the Chinese baseball teams for their game last Sunday for the school benefit. We realized the neat sum of \$152.15.

—MRS. WALTER DILLINGHAM, president woman's section of the Navy League: I was certainly agreeably surprised at the good attendance we had at our meeting in the Opera House Saturday. If I had known there were to be so many present I think I should have tried to have the Hawaiian band there, too.

—MRS. A. J. GEORGE: It is true that many American mothers have not reared their boys to be soldiers, but many are bringing them up with a true idea of patriotism, citizenship and loyalty. These are the boys that

China's attitude toward the European belligerents is easy to understand. China is inclined to be rather friendly toward Germany because only in Germany and German success in this war can she see any definite hope that the hold of Japan will be broken. Great Britain and Russia are so bound by treaties with Japan that they cannot move to block the Japanese encroachments on Chinese territory and Chinese sovereignty. Though Germany wrenched Tsingtau from China in order to establish a great naval and military base on the Oriental coast, Peking finds this a much smaller outrage than the steady aggressions China must suffer at the hands of the diplomatic and military authorities in Tokio.

Hence China does not want to follow the example of the United States and other neutrals in breaking relations with Germany. However, too much reliance should not be placed in the reports that Japan will not influence China in this affair. If it suits Japan's aims for Peking to get at loggerheads with Berlin, influence will be used in the peculiar and indirect way Japan has already found effective.

There is another aspect to this subject which must be borne in mind. Japan is playing a curious diplomatic game. Though the sworn ally of the Entente group and bound by special ties to England and Russia, she is acting with considerable friendliness toward Germany. Many Japanese newspapers and not a few public leaders continually advocate an alliance with Germany and point out the disadvantages of the alliances with England and Russia, both of which have commercial interests in the Orient diametrically opposed to the Japanese commercial interests.

The result is that Japan is regarded as a possible ally of Germany in the future. For diplomatic purposes, it may therefore suit Tokio to make a strong show of allowing China to choose her own course, as a neutral, toward Germany. If China continues friendly relations, Tokio may thereby gain credit in Berlin. As a catspaw, it will be observed, China is very well suited for pulling Japan's chestnuts out of the fire.

THE MODERN WAY.

Even in large cities, the trend in government nowadays is toward shortening the ballot, fixing responsibility and putting technical jobs in the hands of technically-trained men.

In Philadelphia, one of the great American cities, it is proposed to cut the council by about five-sixths. Another proposal in the Quaker City is to prevent dual office-holding. No city official will be allowed to hold more than one office, and salaries will be made commensurate with the services performed.

In smaller cities, the movement toward the city-manager form of government is so evident that Honolulu should not ignore it in drafting the new city charter. Yet the charter convention of 1915 did ignore this modern tendency—ignored it, beat it back, suppressed those who wished to advocate it. And the charter convention's politics-saturated proposal will shortly go before the territorial legislature.

An astute politician tells the Star-Bulletin that if one certain member of the Oahu delegation—a businessman—will oppose the charter convention's proposal it will be beaten. Certainly it ought to be beaten.

Kauai wants something done in the land-water-railroad problem. How impertinent of anybody to want anything done!

The weather man got quicker action on the dust nuisance than did the city officials. Thanks to the rain, the dust became mud, but it is now dust again.

Latest Ford peace palace is going up opposite the Young Hotel.

It is going to cost \$200,000 to find out why everything costs so much.

This is an age of government by investigation.

Broken relations: Poor kinfolks.

will make the true soldiers when they are needed although they were not primarily raised for such.

—L. W. DE VIS-NORTON, Hawaii promotionist: The lava lake at the Volcano has fallen slightly, but is a magnificent spectacle nevertheless, as the fountain activity is tremendous. Saw a great cavern on Sunday in the bench at the base of the west wall. The sides were red hot, and through it, about 15 feet down, a glorious golden river was steadily pouring. This river was at least 30 feet above the lake level and was streaming along at four or five knots an hour. There was a tremendous crowd up there Sunday, and the weather, as usual, was absolutely perfect.

Cable advices today to the shipping department of H. Hackfeld & Company, the local agency, state that the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador left San Francisco on time at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. She will arrive here Tuesday morning, February 20, unless she is delayed by bad weather, and will leave the same afternoon for Yokohama.

Exports from France to the United States during 1916 were valued at \$110,304,951.

BOTH SIDES OF KAWAIAHAO CHURCH ROW GIVEN IN STATEMENTS TODAY

Due to Financial Irregularity, Says One Side; Pastor Parker Gives a Different View

The factional differences in historic Kawaiahao church, reaching a climax last Sunday night, have been given in statements today by the two sides. The Christian Endeavor Society, four months ago, according to a statement to the Star-Bulletin today by Mrs. Alice Kahokuoluna, one of the storm-centers in the scene Sunday night.

This venerable church, long the bulwark for Christian work among the Hawaiians and with many traditions about its famous edifice, with a pastor who has seen more than half a century of devoted service, is now in tumult with charges and counter-charges. One of these charges, strange to the ears of the visitor, but familiar to those living in Hawaii, has to do with alleged consultation of "kahunas" by one of the members. "Kahunism" is outlawed in Hawaii, placed on a plane with "witch-doctoring" and voodooism as a resort to superstition and to the ancient practice of consulting medicine-men and soothsayers.

Mrs. Kahokuoluna presided at the Christian Endeavor meeting which Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of the church, tried to disband. She and her husband claim that the whole row is due to the fact that the pastor has taken sides with Mrs. Julia Bowers, former president of the Endeavor Society, after Mrs. Bowers was suspended by the society following the discovery that she had wrongfully used Endeavor funds, borrowed from the treasurer, John Kea.

Mr. and Mrs. Kahokuoluna visited the Star-Bulletin early this morning to put their side of the case before the public.

"The whole trouble arises from our difficulty with Mrs. Bowers and Mr. John Kea," says Mrs. Kahokuoluna, "and this dates back about four months ago. We were going to have an Endeavor convention at Waianae and raised about \$120 for the expenses of our president and other delegates. Mrs. Bowers had been the president, but she did not run for reelection, and a little later on we found out why."

David P. Kahalelelo, our new president, was to go to Waianae but when the time came he found that Treasurer Kea had only about \$10 of the money. Then it came out that Mrs. Bowers had borrowed the rest and spent it."

Investigation Is Held

Mrs. Kahokuoluna tells a long story here of the investigation of this alleged irregularity by the society, and the suspension of Mrs. Bowers and Treasurer Kea. Mrs. Bowers finally made restitution of most of the money, but she says that the society refused to take Mrs. Bowers back until the latter had made public apology.

"Mrs. Bowers went to Pastor Parker and worked on his sympathies," the story goes on, "and he sided with her and ordered our Christian Endeavor Society to disband. We refused and this was the real reason for his opposition to our president, David Kahalelelo, which resulted in the scene Sunday night."

Mrs. Kahokuoluna says that the society consulted Rev. Akaike Akana, another Hawaiian pastor, and was advised not to disband, but to stand by its guns, and this, she says, it has been doing, and was doing on Sunday night when she, as leader of the meeting, was ordered by Mr. Parker to leave the chair. She refused and then came the scene when Pastor Parker ordered G. Naukana, who has a special policeman's commission, to take the woman away. He also ordered the janitor to turn out the lights. She says he also appealed to the board of deacons to "drag me out of the chair," but they declined to do so. The meeting later was brought to an abrupt and excited close.

Says Members Stood by Her Action
Mrs. Kahokuoluna says that she asked the society if it wished to stand by her or the pastor on Sunday night, and that virtually the entire membership stood by her, and thus by David Kahalelelo, president. She insists also that Pastor Parker was offered 15 minutes to state his case before the society and declined to do so, instead ordering the meeting to disband.

Both she and her husband say that when the society suspended Mrs. Bowers, the pastor ordered the society to disband. This was about three months ago. The society refused and sent a written protest, which, they say, the pastor threw in the face of the committee carrying it to him in his study.

The charges of Pastor Parker against Kahalelelo, they maintain, were never properly preferred, nor was the Endeavor president allowed to appear on his own behalf before the board of deacons, which suspended him. They say also that though he was suspended from the society, he

was not suspended as a member of the board of deacons, nor from the church itself.

Did Not Consult Kahunas

Referring to the nature of the charges, they declare that their investigation does not bear out the accusation that he was guilty of immorality or of consulting "kahunas," as it is alleged, the pastor claims.

They also make counter charges of a serious nature against Mrs. Bowers, saying that these partly account for her suspension by the society.

The charges preferred by Rev. Mr. Parker, pastor of Kawaiahao, against Kahalelelo as president of the now disbanded Christian Endeavor Society, will be investigated this evening with a view to determining whether Kahalelelo shall be expelled from the church, if a meeting of the board of lunas can be arranged.

Rev. Mr. Parker told the Star-Bulletin that the board of lunas, or deacons, recently brought charges of kahunism and immorality against the president of the C. E.

"I dislike very much to discuss these church rows," the aged minister, for more than 50 years pastor of Kawaiahao, said, "and especially that this is the first church row Kawaiahao has experienced in many years."

The minister's story of the events which led to the disbanding of the C. E. Society is, in substance, as follows:

"Last Sunday I gave notice that in the evening I would lead a prayer meeting. That evening Kahalelelo's faction went in and started the meeting about 6:15 o'clock. When I went in there was an immediate uproar. They did not want me to lead the meeting."

"About two months ago Kahalelelo, the C. E. president, expelled certain church workers, prominent members, who belonged to the C. E. I did not hear about this proposal until the evening on which action was taken, which was on a Thursday."

"I went to the president and asked if this was so. He said it was. I used all my influence to have him defer any action until I could look into the matter. He refused, however, and that evening three or four members were expelled."

"I then put the matter before the board of lunas of the church. The board passed a resolution disbanding the C. E. as a part of the church work. The C. E. is still disbanded, but another resolution has been passed providing that steps be taken to reorganize the work."

"A committee also was appointed to investigate charges of kahunism and immorality against the president. Kahalelelo is not now president of the C. E., but he is still a member of the church."

Rev. Mr. Parker said he hoped to have a meeting of the board of lunas this evening to consider the report of the committee on charges against Kahalelelo, and also to consider whether Kahalelelo shall be expelled from the church.

MRS. W. F. FREAR WILL HEAD Y. W.

Mrs. Walter F. Frear was reelected president of the Y. W. C. A. at a meeting held at the association this morning by the board of directors. The election was made unanimous by the members present. Mrs. C. T. Fitts was chosen first vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Smith, second vice-president, and Mrs. A. L. Andrews, third vice-president. Other officers elected at the meeting were Mrs. R. J. Shepherd, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Hemenway, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Frank Atherton, recording secretary.

Mrs. Frear upon election then appointed the various committees for the ensuing year. The chairman of the committees appointed this morning were as follows:

At large, Mrs. Alexander Lindsay, Jr., and Mrs. B. F. Dillingham; finance, Mrs. C. T. Fitts; membership, Mrs. W. H. Ketchum; education and extension, Mrs. A. L. Andrews; Home-Station, Mrs. W. A. Ramsay; social, Mrs. Ralph Johnston; building, Mrs. R. G. Moore; physical, Miss Alice Hopper, and employment, Mrs. O. H. Walker.

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be held on Tuesday, February 20.

"AMERICA'S DUTY" IS TIMELY LECTURE TOPIC

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JAMES H. CAUSEY TALKS TO HAWAIIAN BOARD AND Y. M. C. A. STAFF MONDAY

James H. Causey of Denver addressed a conference of the Hawaiian Board secretaries and the staff of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon at the Mission Memorial. He dwelt on the cooperation of the church and the Y. M. C. A., and what these institutions could do for the young men of the islands.

Causey said that the Y. M. C. A. has a unique program for the young men of the city, and believed that the church should adopt many of the principles of the Y. M. C. A. He commended the Hawaiian Board on its efforts to make the life of the young men in Hawaii happier.

He believes it the duty of America to make. He is known as a keen student of world politics, which will make his views of unusual interest.

The lecture will be in Cooke Hall at 8 o'clock and is open to members of the association and their men friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL SOON BE THING OF PAST; CHURCH SCHOOL

Prof. Vaughan, MacCaughy, chairman of the religious committee of the Central Union church, spoke to a group of teachers and officers of the Central Union Bible school yesterday afternoon on the "Practical Progress of the Bible School Program." Professor MacCaughy has recently returned from a six months' tour on the mainland.

Professor MacCaughy told of the work that was done in Chicago in the church schools, and said that the term Sunday school is gradually dying out and the words Church School are being substituted. He said that the school opens in September and closes in June, while Chicago has adopted a summer school with week-day activities.

Circuit Judge Whitney has granted to Eli K. Fountain and Mildred Fountain, his wife, a petition for permission to adopt Eli K. McGurn.

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